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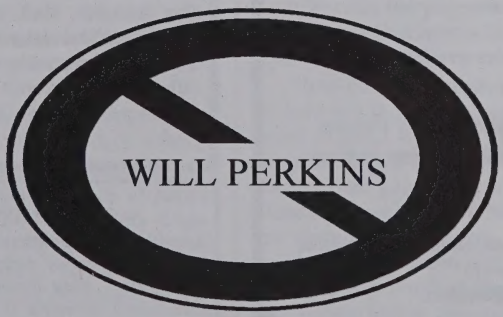

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Dyke Psyche

By Ester Rothblum

I recently had a conversation with Elana Dykewomon about her latest book BEYOND THE PALE, a novel about the lives of Russian Jewish lesbians who immigrated to North America at the turn of the century. Elana Dykewomon has always broken new ground. Her book, RIVERFINGER WOMAN, was one of the first lesbian novels. BEYOND THE PALE won the 1998 Lambda Literary Award for lesbian fiction. I asked her how she became a writer. "I was always writing. I was a writing child," she said. "When I was 12 or 13, I tried to kill myself. I was one of those statistics of adolescent lesbians who attempt suicide. When I was institutionalized, I realized that writers didn't have to be gendered in the same way that girls and boys did. That is, I could choose to be neither a traditional girl nor boy; I could be a writer." Elana found that she could be eccentric and free in that role as a writer.

In college at the California Institute of Arts, Elana met a number of experimental poets and became active in gay liberation. One of her teachers knew someone in publishing. "This was 1971, and they were starting a slightly pornographic series for housewives to cash in on the new feminist sexuality," Elana remembered, laughing, "and told me to write up my experiences. I wrote the first third of the book in 18 straight hours. I wanted to write a lesbian novel with a happy ending." But the publisher said it was not what they were looking for. By this time Elana had moved to the women's community in Northampton, Massachusetts. The feminist publisher Daughters Inc. had sent flyers around town and a friend recommended that Elana send her book to that new company. They accepted RIVERFINGER WOMAN, which came out in print in 1974, one year after they published RUBYFRUIT JUNGLE. The Naiad Press reprint of RIVERFINGER WOMAN concludes with an essay detailing Elana's process in getting this book published.

Elana went on to publish three more books before her current novel. THEY WILL KNOW ME BY MY TEETH was a collection of short stories which she self-published in 1976. She also published a book of poems entitled FRAGMENTS FROM LESBOS. In 1995 Onlywomen Press published her book of poems NOTHING WILL BE AS SWEET AS THE TASTE. Elana also had a long stint as an editor of the feminist periodical SINISTER WISDOM.

BEYOND THE PALE began over ten years ago as a poem. After she had written that poem, Elana felt that there was a longer story there. "So I started to think who these two women would be and who their families would be, what would make them migrate. I started to read old books about travelers in Russia at the turn of the century. The depths of the anti-Semitism in these books was stunning to me."

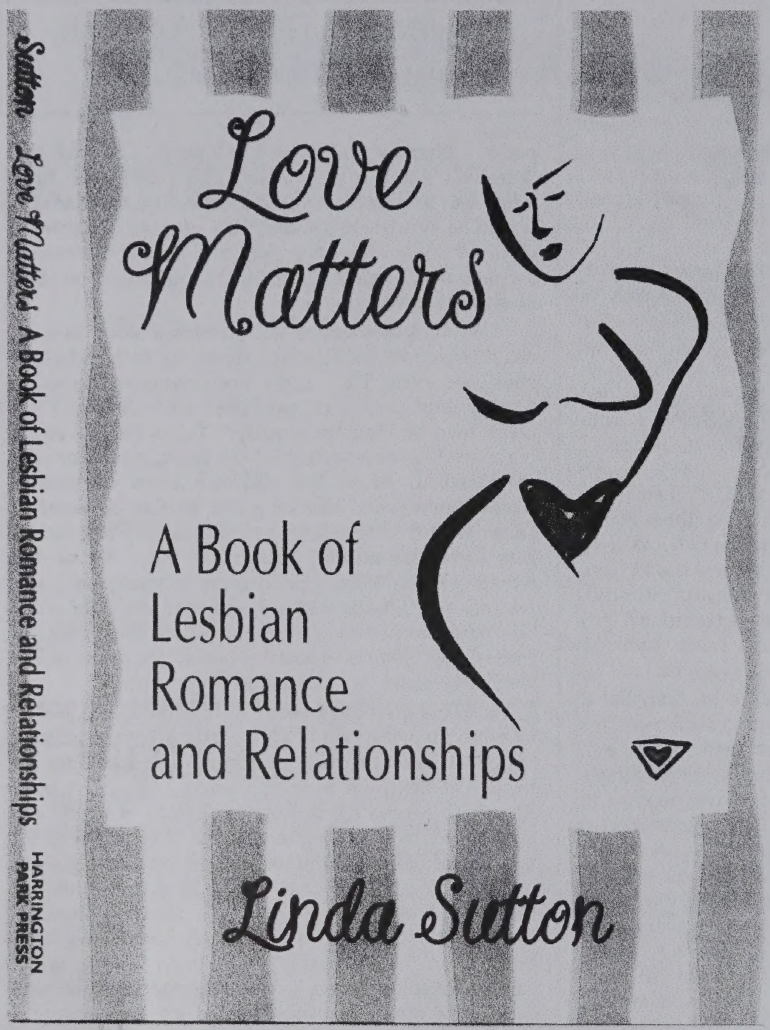
Beyond The Pale—A Jewish Lesbian Historical Novel.

"I wrote what became the midwife's story, and decided this could be a novel. When the first half of the book was done, I got some unencouraging responses from publishers. One publisher said they had too many Jews on their list already!" When Elana was doing a reading of a section of the book, an editor who happened to be in the audience knew of another woman who was searching for lesbian material to adapt for her storytelling performances. "My section was then dramatized," Elana told me. "I saw this woman, Helen Mintz, performing it once and I was floored. It's amazing to see someone act your work. She performed it in Vancouver where the editors of Press Gang Publishers heard it and wrote to me asking me if they could consider publishing the book."

As Elana continued work on the book, she had to research many aspects of life at the turn of the century. "I had to read the really dry stuff," she said, "like the history of the grain trade in Odessa. I couldn't go to Russia, so I was looking for descriptions of streets and figuring out what daily life was like. My girlfriend Susan Levenkind is a librarian and she was very good at finding things out for me. I would read a book and then use their bibliography as a starting point. I learned how to be an historian." A friend gave her a book about the Women's Trade Union League, which turned out to be quite a lesbian organization. She went to labor libraries, and even looked up the transportation system in New York City at the turn of the century.

At book readings, Elana prefers sections of her book that describe the pogroms in Russia. "I also like to read the sections that have a little sex in them," she said. For example, when Chava and Rose fall in love:

"Rose leaned towards me, put her hand on my cheek to turn my face so we could see each other... So if you want to and I want to, who starts?' I pulled the tenement air down to the bottom of my lungs. This was harder than going out on strike. I moved my lips onto Rose's. Together. We had been lying in bed together for more than two years. Careful. Cousins. Left side, right side, I'm worn out, me too, goodnight. No, I changed my mind as the kiss engulfed our faces and my hands found the soft flesh of her shoulders and pressed her close. This was easier than going on strike. This was easier than anything." **(Con't on page 5)**


Sutton Love Matters A Book of Lesbian Romance and Relationships HARRINGTON PARK PRESS
Love Matters
A Book of Lesbian Romance and Relationships
Linda Sutton

IT'S HERE!

New Phazes own, Linda Sutton, is celebrating the publication of her first book, *LOVE MATTERS,* by Haworth Press in February, 1999. Linda will be signing copies of her book on Sunday, April 11, 1999 from 1 PM—3 PM at The Chinook Bookshop, Inc., 210 N. Tejon St., COS, CO. We suggest you call The Chinook Bookshop to verify the date and time.

This book is a collection of advice columns and personal reflections that will help lesbian couples validate and appreciate their unique relationships. From *Love Matters,* you'll receive honest, informative advice that can help you and your partner share a more open and fulfilling relationship.

"There is for many a certain gift that makes relationships different—boundaries dissolve then reassert themselves after another is already within—the heart becomes confused and calls for exactly that blessing which Linda Sutton offers when only love makes any sense at all." *Stephen and Ondrea Levine, Authors.*

It's finally here! The book we've all been waiting for!

Love Matters has artwork and poetry throughout the book. The artwork is by the cover artist and poetry by well-known lesbian poets—this makes the book beautiful in addition to interesting! The artwork will be part of a lesbian and gay greeting card company which Linda and Maureen hope to launch in 1999.

"I love this book! It's practical, fun to read, and stuffed with great advice to lesbians (and lots of other people, too). The best part is how it reflects the real-life love, fun, and struggles of lesbian love, sex, relationships, and other interests. I think it's a wonderful way to see what other lesbians are interested in so you know you aren't alone." *JoAnn Loulan, psychotherapist, mother, and author.*

"In *Love Matters,* Sutton has given us all a funny, personal, loving collection of down-to-earth wisdom—chicken soup for the soul—from which lesbian women (and all other sensible beings) will profit. So: buy, share, read—and laugh, cry, love, recognize, and celebrate the humanity in these pages." *Robin Morgan*

"Gives readers an opportunity to enjoy Sutton's wit, good sense, and tenderness...She cares about those things that are crucial to the survival and stability of lesbian relationships." *Judith McDaniel, Author.*

"A gem of a book—wise, helpful, and full of heart." *Harriet Lerner, Author.*

Dyke Psyche: Beyond the Pale (Con't from page 3)

The response from readers has been wonderful. "I've gotten lots of letters saying `This is my grandmother's story' or `now I understand my history' or heterosexual women in their 70s or 80s who love this story," said Elana. The "Lammies" (Lambda Literary Awards) are to lesbian writing what the Oscars are to Hollywood. Elana's award for lesbian fiction is the equivalent of the best actress award in the Oscars. She was awarded the most recent Lammy for lesbian fiction.

For further information, contact Elana Dykewomon at dyke@sfsu.edu. BEYOND THE PALE was published in 1997 by Press Gang Publishers, 225 East 17th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V5V IA6, Canada.

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Simple vs Real

Anyone can stand by you when you are right, but a Real Friend will stand by you even when you are wrong...

A simple friend identifies himself when he calls.

A real friend doesn't have to.

A simple friend opens a conversation with a full news bulletin on his life.

A real friend says, "What's new with you?"

A simple friend thinks the problems you whine about are recent.

A real friend says, "You've been whining about the same thing for 14 years. Get off your duff and do something about it."

A simple friend has never seen you cry.

A real friend has shoulders soggy from your tears.

A simple friend doesn't know your parents' first names.

A real friend has their phone numbers in her address book.

A simple friend brings a bottle of wine to your party.

A real friend comes early to help you cook and stays late to help you clean up.

A simple friend hates it when you call after she has gone to bed.

A real friend asks you why you took so long to call.

A simple friend seeks to talk with you about your problems.

A real friend seeks to help you with your problems.

A simple friend wonders about your romantic history.

A real friend could blackmail you with it.

A simple friend, when visiting, acts like a guest.

A real friend opens your refrigerator and helps herself.

A simple friend thinks the friendship is over when you have an argument.

A real friend knows that it's not a friendship until after you've had a fight.

Dyke Psyche: Natalie Barney (Con't from page 9)

In her introduction to SOUVENIRS, she says, "If too little of the love I invoke appears in this book, it is because I have better spent it elsewhere. Here there remain only fragments."

Because of the importance of her salon, Barney is mentioned, at least in passing, in most accounts of American expatriates in Paris. Here are the books, by and about Barney, that Eichbauer recommends and that are most readily available:

Natalie Barney. ADVENTURES OF THE MIND. Tr. John Spaulding Gatton. New York: New York University Press, 1992.

Natalie Barney. THE ONE WHO IS LEGION, OR A. D.'S AFTERLIFE.1930; Orono, Me.: U of Maine, National Poetry Foundation,1987.

Natalie Barney. A PERILOUS ADVANTAGE: THE BEST OF NATALIE CLIFFORD BARNEY. Edited and translated by Anna Livia. Introduction by Karla Jay. Norwich, Vt.: New Victoria Pub.1992.

Karla Jay. THE AMAZON AND THE PAGE: NATALIE CLIFFORD BARNEY AND RENÉE VIVIEN. Blommington: Indiana University Press, 1988.

Mary Eichbauer lives and writes in northern California. Her annotated translation of Barney's "Renée Vivien" will appear in a forthcoming issue of the JOURNAL OF LESBIAN STUDIES.

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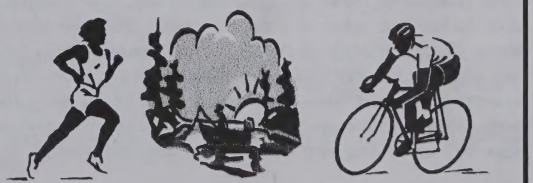
Rocky Mtn Chapter of the Sierra Club, Gay and Lesbian section— The Sierra Club has 600,000 members nationwide and is one of the oldest and most respected grassroots environmental organizations in the world. The Gay and Lesbian group is sanctioned as an official Activities Section of the Club—the 7th to be formed in the country. A wide variety of activities are available from hikes and bike rides, to learning backcountry survival and maintaining trails. The Gay and Lesbian Sierrans extend a warm welcome to all gays and lesbians who would like to join Sierra Club activities, even if they are not yet members. Call Greg Cafini, Chair of the gay section, for more info. Ask for a quarterly newsletter that lists projects and other info. 303-861-2844.



By Linda Sutton

some thoughts on lesbian love

Editor's note: Due to Linda's schedule with her book publication, we are re-running the March '96 Love Matters. This is a special one to me, as it is the first Love Matters (and New Phazes) I read when we moved here!

Question: How do I know whether or not I'm in a relationship with the RIGHT PERSON?

ANSWER: This is a question that all of us have asked ourselves at least once, if not many times, in our relationship lives. This is a very important question and is deserving of a number of different responses. I will write more than one column about it. While I was debating the kind of answer I would give, a very personal response emerged. It comes by way of an intimate story, which explains how I know I'm in a relationship with the right person. I woke up recently in a very deep depression, an existential angst. I felt lost, alone, empty, sad and scared. It felt like, at least in that moment, I truly had forgotten who I was, what I was supposed to be doing, where I was supposed to be. I had awakened before Maureen and had gone into the living room—where I often sit, write, or think in the early morning—with a cup of coffee by my side. I began to cry a little, but it felt too scary to really let go. When I knew the alarm had gone off, I went back into the bedroom and lay beside Maureen. Before long, I really began crying. After I exhausted my tears, Maureen asked me to tell her how I was feeling, what was happening. I explained how disconnected I felt from myself, how lost I was. I said it felt like I needed someone to take me by my hand and show me the way again, to tell me who I was. As I shared with Maureen the depth and breadth of my feelings, she began to cry as well, as she often does when I share my pain. She was also able to ask questions and share similar feelings without taking charge in any way, without trying to make it go away, fix it, or tell me what to do. What she did was simply *be with me in the moment,* let me know how much she felt my pain, how much she cared for and about me. She was also able to tell me what it was about me that she loved, those characteristics of mine she treasured—including my angst. It felt like the softest blanket in the world had wrapped around me—comforting and containing the pain. While Maureen wasn't able (nor would anyone else be) of taking my pain away, she nourished my psyche and soul with her extraordinary emotional presence until I was ready to take my own hand and lead myself out of the darkness.

In that moment, and in many others like it, I know I am with the right person. Before Maureen, I had never been in a relationship in which I felt safe to be myself—to become all of who I really am. Maureen has that capacity to let me *BE.* When I feel strong, she is not threatened. When I feel needy, she is not threatened. With that safety and support, I am finding my way to *MYSELF.*

Feeling safe to be myself is one of the most important ways in which I measure the "rightness" of my relationship with my partner. It took me a long time in life to identify the importance of that need, however. While I cannot pretend to feel safe every minute of my relationship, I can say that my relationship feels safe, *enough* of the time.

There are other important ways in which I measure the "rightness" of my partner and my relationship, and I will continue to write about those. For now, I have to say that the emotional safety in my relationship is at the heart of its success.

Linda Sutton, M.A. is a psychotherapist in private practice. Selections from this column will appear in a book currently being released by Haworth Press, LOVE MATTERS: A Book of Lesbian Romance and Relationships. For information regarding her practice and LOVE MATTERS workshops, contact Linda at 632-0465.

Thought you might enjoy these:

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer, and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the "honey month" or what we know today as the "honeymoon."

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them to mind their own pints and quarts and settle down. It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's."

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle," is the phrase inspired by this practice.

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes—when you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. That's where the phrase, "good night, sleep tight" came from.

The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" (which uses every letter in the alphabet) was developed by Western Union to test telex/twx communications.

The 3 most valuable brand names on earth: Marlboro, Coca-Cola, and Budweiser, in that order.

APRIL/MAY SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

DOTMC continues the evening gatherings through April. May begins the summer schedule with a change in format and meeting times. The summer schedule will continue through September. Dinners will resume in October. For more info or to make reservations email: marti.harvey@mci.com or 719-532-3921.

April 15 - DOTMC 1 yr. Happy Hour Celebration 6 PM.

May 20 - DOTMC. Take advantage of the longer summer days and join us for a Sunset Hike up Stanley Canyon inside AFA, 5:30pm.

Apr 3: "Wilde," All Souls Unitarian, 7:00 p.m.

Apr 4: Summit Master Beer Bust, Wrangler @ Denver, 4-7, $5

Apr 5: Voices of Faith Book Study Group, Pride Center, 7-8:30

Apr. 11: Linda Sutton's book signing @ The Chinook Bookshop, 1-3pm, 210 N. Tejon St. COS, CO.

Apr 24: S-CAP Black Tie Ball, Broadmoor, 578-9092

Apr 25 – The Mad Hatters Tea Party—benefit for SCAP—Tickets for the night are $25, for more info contact Mitch at (W) 636-2728, (H) 686-9201

May 22. Ginger and Carolyn are pleased to announce that they will be hosting a fund raiser for Sevicemembers Legal Defense Network on May 22 at the Warehouse. A dessert reception will be held at 7:30pm, for Colonel (ret) Margarethe Cammermeyer. Tickets will be $25 per person and all proceeds go to SLDN. We will be sending out invitations shortly. If you would like to attend this reception and meet Colonel (ret) Cammermeyer please e-mail me your address and phone number.

SCIRTS--Southern Colorado Intra-Regional Transgendered Society For both MTFs and FTMs, and for persons all along the transgender spectrum. Call 591-5860.

S-CAP–Southern Colorado AIDS Project Offices at 1301 S. 8th St., Suite 200. Call 578-9092.

Sisters of Sappho support group for lesbian and bi women that meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Call 471-4 GAY.

Stonewall Democrats The McNeil chapter can be contacted at 577-7766.

Summit Masters Leather/levi/uniform interest; for both men and women. Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Call 632-3844.

United Court of the Pikes Peak Empire. Long-standing charitable organization Call 471-4 GAY.

Women's Social Group Primarily intended to offer social activities rather than being a support group. Usually meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. Call 471-4 GAY.

Gay and Lesbian Bowling Bear Creek Lanes, Sunday, 7pm. Call 260-5987.

ALSO--All Lifestyles and Outlooks GLBT support group at All Souls Unitarian Church, 730 N. Tejon. Call 685-4773.

BACCHUS Organizes a monthly wine tasting, usually on the 2nd Friday. Cost is typically $12. Call 576-3465.

B-GALA Colorado College Bisexual, gay and lesbian alliance. Call 389-7044.

B-GALA UCCS Bisexual, gay and lesbian alliance. Call 471-4 GAY.

CCAD–Community Council for Adolescent Development Operates the Inside/Out group for GLBTQ youth. Call 328-1056.

CGRA--Colorado Gay Rodeo Association Meets on the 1st Monday of each month. Call 576-CGRA.

Dignity For GLBT Catholics; Mass held on the 1st Saturday of each month, and brunch on the 2nd Sunday. Call 685-5343.

Equality Colorado The Colorado Springs office of this Denver-based advocacy organization. Call 227-8545.

FUSION! Is a community-building project for gay and bisexual men in Colorado Springs and Pueblo. It builds community by developing alternative spaces for men to meet other men through workshops, recreational and social activities. It is open to all ages and welcomes singles and couples alike. Call 578-9092.

Gay AA Meets on Mondays and Fridays at 8 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. Call 573-5020.

GLBT Community History Project Started in February, 1999, this project seeks to document the history of GLBT people in the Colorado Springs area, primarily through the recording of oral history. Call 634-3616.

GLBT Parenting Group Provides discussion for parents and would-be parents and activities for kids. Meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Pride Center at 10 a.m. Call 471-4 GAY.

Inside/OUT Support group for GLBTQ youth that meets every Wednesday at the Pride Center at 5:30 p.m. Call 575-8484.

Lesbian Moms This group has just started meeting. Call. 471-4 GAY

Marriage Transitions For GLBT people who are or were in a heterosexual marriage. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Call 577-4755.

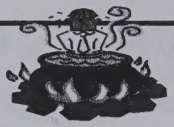
NetCoRe Works to "create and foster networking and business opportunities among gay and lesbian professionals, businesses, service organizations and our allies." Holds a monthly mixer, usually on the 3rd Monday of each month. Call 474-7674.

PPMCC– Sundays 5pm-All Souls Unitarian Church, 730 N. Tejon. Call 634-3771.

Prime Timers For mature gay and bisexual men and their younger admirers. Over 50 chapters nationally. Formed in 1987. Call 636-1235.

Springs Together Opposes the anti-gay agenda in Colorado Springs Call 520-9899.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT!



Should you find it hard to get to sleep tonight; Just remember the homeless family who has no bed to lie in.

Should you find yourself stuck in traffic; don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work; Think of the woman who has been out of work for the last three months.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad; Think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend; Think of the woman in some third world country, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week, for $15.00 to feed her family.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance; Think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror; Think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering; what is life all about, what is my purpose? Be thankful, there are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities; Remember, things could be worse. You could be them!!!

Should you feel depressed because of your weight; Remember, obesity is curable; AIDS is not.

Should you decide to send this to a friend; You might brighten someone's day!

BUMPER STICKERS!

(Seen on the back of a biker's vest) If you can read this, my wife fell off...

Hey you! Get out of the gene pool!

If you can read this, please flip me back over... (Seen upside down, on a jeep)

"Diplomacy" is saying "nice doggy" until you can find a big rock.

Never raise your hands to your kids...it leaves your groin unprotected.

Feel safe tonight ... Sleep with a cop.

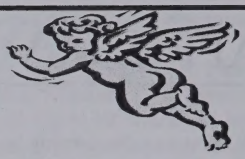
Remember folks: Stop lights timed for 35mph are also timed for 70mph.

If walking is so good for you, then why does my mailman look like Jabba the Hut??

I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain to be a vegetarian.

We have enough youth, how about a fountain of smart?

Something to think about:



Bare foot and dirty, the girl just sat and watched the people go by. She never tried to speak, she never said a word. Many people passed, but never did one person stop.

Just so happens the next day I decided to go back to the park, curious if the little girl would still be there.

Right in the very spot as she was yesterday she sat perched on high, with the saddest look in her eyes.

Today I was to make my own move and walk over to the little girl. As we all know a park full of strange people is not a place for young children to play alone. As I began walking towards her I could see the back of the little girl's dress indicated a deformity. I figured that was the reason the people just passed by and made no effort to help. As I got closer, the little girl slightly lowered her eyes to avoid my intent stare. I could see the shape of her back more clearly. It was grotesquely shaped in a humped over form. I smiled to let her know it was ok, I was there to help, to talk.

I sat down beside her and opened with a simple 'Hello.' The little girl acted shocked and stammered a 'hi' after a long stare into my eyes. I smiled and she shyly smiled back. We talked 'til darkness fell and the park was completely empty. Everyone was gone and we were alone. I asked the girl why she was so sad. The little girl looked at me and with a sad face said "Because I'm different."

I immediately said "That you are!" and smiled. The little girl acted even sadder, she said, "I know." "Little girl," I said, "you remind me of an angel, sweet and innocent." She looked at me and smiled, slowly she stood to her feet, and said, "Really?"

"Yes, ma'am, you're like a little guardian angel sent to watch over all those people walking by."

She nodded her head yes and smiled, and with that she spread her wings and said, "I am. I'm your guardian angel," with a twinkle in her eye.

I was speechless, sure I was seeing things.

She said, "For once you thought of someone other than yourself. My job here is done."

Immediately I stood to my feet and said, "Wait, so why did no one stop to help an angel?"

She looked at me and smiled, "You're the only one who could see me, and you believe it in your heart." And She was gone. And with that my life was changed dramatically.

So, when you think you're all you have, remember, your angel is always watching over you.

Dyke Psyche

By Ester Rothblum

Recently a number of books have been published about the lesbian identity or female relationships of prominent women who lived in earlier historical periods. Mary Eichbauer was living in Paris when she became aware that much of the work of Natalie Barney (1876-1972) had never before been published in English. She received permission to translate some of Barney's writing and to find an English audience for this work. Eichbauer described Natalie Barney's life and work to me in a recent correspondence: "In her last book, SOUVENIRS INDISCRETS (INDISCREET MEMORIES), Natalie says that she had always felt drawn to women, from her earliest days. In the first chapter, `Renée Vivien,' she describes an intense crush she had on a beautiful young cousin, how she loved to be close to her and comfort her (the young woman was pining for some young beau). Natalie fell in love with a school friend when she was sixteen, at a time when her family lived in Washington, D.C. and she was being courted for her beauty (and her father's money) by more than a few young men. She and her friend Eva Palmer (heiress to a biscuit fortune) spent a summer together in Bar Harbor playing naked in the woods as nymph (Eva) and shepherd (Natalie). After that summer, their respectable families made sure they were placed in separate boarding schools.

"Ironically, her father's own egotism finally gave Barney the chance she needed to begin her preferred way of life. Albert Barney was so eager to get back to his beloved London (which Natalie always thought of as a male city, as opposed to Paris, which was ruled by women), and so bored with the business of parenting, that he left Natalie staying at a boarding house under scant supervision, supposing her to be occupied with shopping and `fittings' for a gown intended for her Washington `debut.' Instead, Natalie visited Carmen, an artist's model who had posed for her mother. The beautiful Carmen welcomed Natalie into her bed (Natalie's first time) and educated her in some of the ways of the world. (According to Jean Chalon, Natalie wasn't quite sure that she could make love to a woman without getting pregnant!) She walked home from her first meeting with Carmen repeating to herself, spellbound: `I have a mistress, I have a mistress.'

"Next, she fell madly in love with one Liane de Pougy, a celebrated courtesan. Liane took Natalie for a ride in her carriage through the Bois de Boulogne, and

Natalie Barney: American expatriate in Paris and lesbian writer

their affair was launched. Later, Liane wrote IDYLLE SAPHIQUE (SAPPHIC IDYLL), a novel about her `Flossie,' the first of many literary tributes that would be dedicated to Barney over the years (Renée Vivien, Djuna Barnes, Radclyffe Hall and Lucie Delarue-Mardrus wrote novels featuring Barney as a character, and quite a bit of poetry was dedicated to her). Barney's father never forgave her for causing such a scandal back home. In fact, he bought up all the copies of Liane's book he could find, along with the printing plates, and had them destroyed. Too late—the book had already been circulated widely.

"The greatest passion of Barney's youth, however, was Renée Vivien (born Pauline Tarn), like herself, an expatriate in Paris (Tarn was born in England). The first chapter of SOUVENIRS INDISCRETS describes their affair in detail. Natalie's affair with Vivien was tempestuous and involved frequent separations. Although they loved each other dearly, they were essentially incompatible. Natalie refused to pass up any chance for pleasure that came her way, and so Renée eventually left her for another woman. In the end, Renée died young, a victim of anorexia and alcoholism. She and Barney are buried not far from each other in the Passy Cemetery in Paris."

As Barney says in SOUVENIRS:

> Our opposed natures contrived to make us suffer at each other's hands for a long time. This resulted for her in a fertile inspiration and for myself in an instructive defeat.
>
> Unable to live with her or without her, I do not know which was most painful: our dangerous meetings, our separations, or our attempts at infidelity.
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> Like so many other lovers, we had still more of those "terrible adieus one goes back on" and those exalting reunions that did not last.
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> Apart, but irresistibly attracted to each other, only to lose each other once again, our persistent love endured all the phases of a fatal attraction that perhaps only death could end.
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> I still loved Renée, but with a vanquished love, enslaved by the circumstances that she had allowed to have their way with us... (SOUVENIRS INDISCRETS)

Eichbauer states: "Natalie's life was more important to her than her writing. She described the process of writing a book as one of cleaning out her desk drawers. Her writing is seldom sustained; she expressed herself in sharp lightning-bolts of intelligence.

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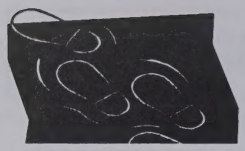

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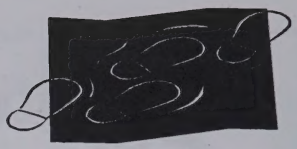

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Thursday, April 8—Sunday April 11

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Supreme Court Denies Review of Cincinnati Issue 3 Case but Sets No Precedent.

The U.S. Supreme Court declined in Oct. to review the constitutionality of Cincinnati's Issue 3, a city charter amendment that prohibits ordinances or policies prohibiting discrimination against gay people.

Georgia Sodomy Law Ruled Unconstitutional.

In a 6-1 ruling issued in Nov., the Georgia Supreme Court held that the state's 156-year-old sodomy law violated the right to privacy guaranteed by the Georgia constitution.

2nd Circuit Upholds Ineffective 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Policy.

In Sept., a three-judge panel of the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously upheld the Clinton administration's gays-in-the-military policy in the case Able vs. U.S.A. In so doing, the 2nd Circuit became the fourth federal appeals court that has upheld the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy.

HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

The Hate Crimes Prevention Act, soon to be introduced again in the 106th Congress, would extend the application of federal hate crimes laws to include more incidents and apply to crimes perpetrated because of the gender, sexual orientation or disability of the victim. These new categories of victims covered are in addition to race, color, religion and national origin, which are covered by current law.

The appalling murders of James Byrd in Texas and Matthew Shepard in Wyoming coupled with the recent rejection of state hate crime laws in Wyoming and Arkansas show that there is, unfortunately, a need for such legislation. For more information, please go to http://www.pfaw.org/caphill/civilrights.shtml#hatecrimes **CALL YOUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS** Please call your representatives in Congress and tell them that you support the Hate Crimes Prevention Act..

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

1. The law is needed to assure that crimes committed because of a person's gender, disability or sexual orientation, without exception, can be prosecuted as aggressively as crimes committed on the basis of race, religious belief or ethnicity.

2. The law will send a message that crimes of hate will not be tolerated. And that's the first step toward creating a nation of equality for every American.

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Your Junior Senator is Sen. Wayne Allard at phone/fax (202) 224-5941 / (202) 224-6471.

World's Largest Gay & Lesbian Church Obtains Broadcast Rights.

Under a federal court settlement, a first-of-its-kind video documentary will be broadcast nationwide over cable superstation WGN. The video, which tells of God's all-inclusive love, was developed by The Cathedral of Hope, a Dallas-based church with a primary outreach to gay & lesbian people. Under the settlement, WGN agrees to air the program at the times the church claimed it was entitled to under the contract. First broadcast is Thurs. 4-8-99 1:00am CST.

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LIFE is about who we love and who we hurt.
It's about who we make happy or unhappy purposefully.
It's about keeping or betraying trust.
It's about friendship, used as a sanctity or as a weapon.
It's about what we say and mean, maybe hurtful, maybe heartening.
About not starting rumors or contributing to petty gossip.
It's about what judgments we pass and why.
And whom our judgments are spread to.
It's about who we've ignored with full control and intention.
It's about stopping jealousy, fear, ignorance, and revenge.
It's about stopping inner hate and fostering inner love,
letting it grow, and spreading it.
But most of all, it's about using our daily living to touch and not poison other peoples' hearts in such a way that could have never occurred alone.
Only we choose the way those hearts are affected, and those choices are what our life's all about.

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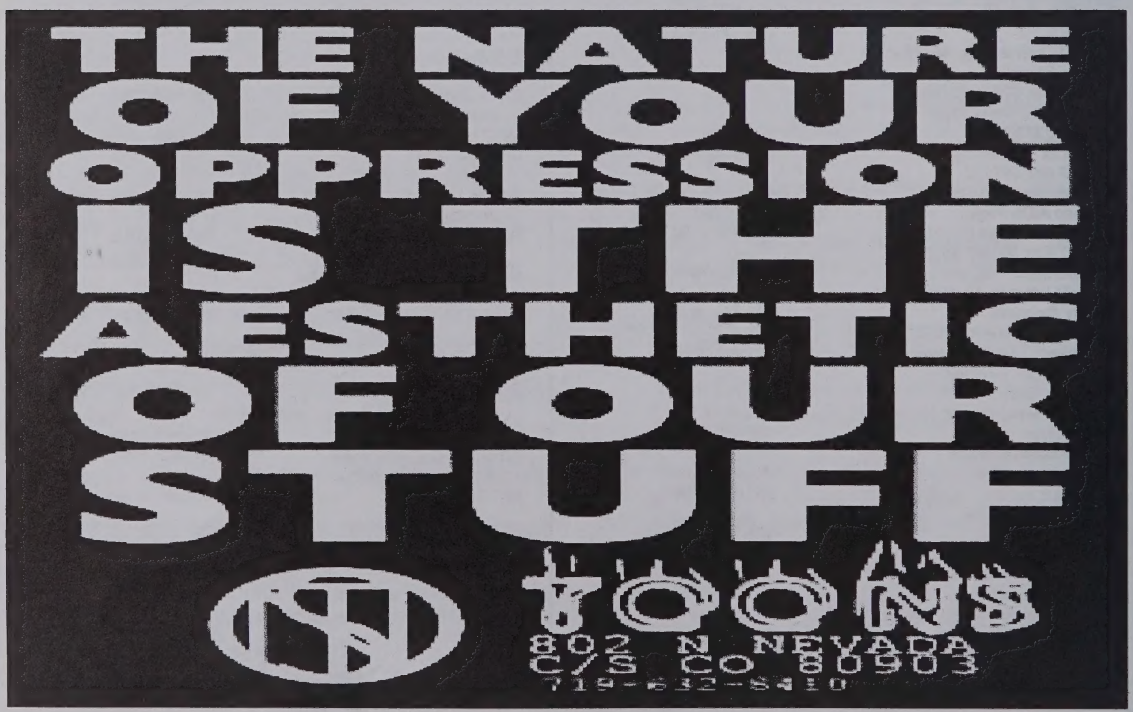
My tummy hurts and I fell down, I need her right away.
Operator can you tell me how to find her in this book?
Is heaven in the yellow part, I don't know where to look.
I think my daddy needs her too, at night I hear him cry.
I hear him call her name sometimes, but I really don't know why.
Maybe if I call her, she will hurry home to me.
Is Heaven very far away, is it across the sea?
She's been gone a long, long time she needs to come home now!
I really need to reach her, but I simply don't know how.
Help me find the number please, is it listed under Heaven?
I can't read these big big words, I am only seven.
I'm sorry operator, I didn't mean to make you cry,
Is your tummy hurting too, or is there something in your eye?
If I call my church maybe they will know.
Mommy said when we need help that's where we should go.
I found the number to my church tacked up on the wall. Thank you operator, I'll give them a call.



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